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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, The United States
Intelligence Board

SUBJECT: Annual Report, Interagency Clandestine
Collection Priorities Committee (IPC)

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Pursuant to the provisions of USIB-D-3.2/6, dated 7 July 1960, the report of the activities of the Interagency Clandestine Collection priorities Committee for the period 1 July 1959 - 30 June 1960 is submitted.



Chairman
Interagency Clandestine Collection
Priorities Committee

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Activities of the Interagency Clandestine
Collection Priorities Committee
for the period
1 July 1959 - 30 June 1960

Reference: DCID No. 5/5, Charter for Interagency Clandestine Collection
Priorities Committee (Effective 14 February 1959).

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference, the Interagency Clandestine Collection Priorities Committee since its last report has continued to provide community guidance for the priority collection of information by the Clandestine Services, Central Intelligence Agency.

2. In the course of its efforts to improve such guidance, the Committee concluded that current IPC Lists, hitherto prepared in accordance with Priority National Intelligence Objectives but restricted to individual countries of major intelligence interest, should be so re-constituted as to set forth requirements and targets on a world-wide basis following the category sequence of the Priority National Intelligence Objectives. The Committee reasoned that such lists will give collectors the advantage of single statements of priority requirements and targets more in keeping with the concept that clandestine collection activities should not be confined to geographic or political boundaries. In addition, the Committee, reflecting the trend of the intelligence community to concentrate assets on priority objectives, encouraged a reduction in these lists of the numbers of objectives and targets, emphasizing only those that are most important. This trend will prove most useful in refining guidance for clandestine collection.

3. At present, the Committee Secretariat is concluding an IPC List which will include those requirements and targets pertinent to Category I of the Priority National Intelligence Objectives. Lists to cover Categories II and III will be undertaken next.

4. Prior to adoption of the principle of arranging requirements and targets by PNIO category, the Committee prepared and released an IPC List on Poland followed by a Special Requirements List (IPC-SPR) to emphasize highest priority requirements and targets in respect to

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Poland. Special Requirements Lists (IPC-SPR's) dealing with information needed on International Communism were released on an additional eleven countries. In addition, the Committee has continued to provide the mechanism by which guidance in respect to free-world areas is secured from member agencies for incorporation into the annual revision of directives to chiefs of CIA field stations.